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1. RESPONSES IN PARA 2 BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARA 2 REFTEL
AND WERE DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THIS MISSION (HA) AND INS
ROME.

2.(A) CURRENT USRP POPULATION IN ROME IS 5140.

(B) ALL 5,000 NUMBERS WERE ASSIGNED TO PERSONS REGISTERED
WITH INS UP TO FEB 15. REGISTRATION AFTER THAT DATE ARE
BEING ACCEPTED FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY.

(C) THIS QUESTION CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITH A SIMPLE TOTAL
NUMBER. NEW ARRIVALS IN ROME ALMOST EQUAL OUTFLOW. INS
REGISTRATION BACKLOG HAS BEEN REDUCED BY ONLY 800 SINCE
DEC 15 DESPITE RECORD HIGH PRODUCTION. CONDITIONAL
ENTRY APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL MID-APRIL WHEN
NUMBERS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE AGAIN.

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(D) CURRENT MONTHLY RATE OF ARRIVALS IS 900-1000.

(E) INS ROME CURRENTLY HAS A PRODUCTION CAPABILITY OF
1100-1200 PER MONTH.

3. LARGEST SINGLE AGENCY IN THIS PROGRAM IS HIAS. TO
ILLUSTRATE WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN

ROME UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS, HIAS STATISTICS ARE INTERESTING. JAN 1, 1978 CASELOAD WAS 3700. TO MARCH 17, HIAS HAD 2615 DEPARTURES AND 2374 NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR A NEW CASELOAD TOTAL OF 3459. HIAS HAS RECEIVED 3130 PAROLE NUMBERS (TO MARCH 17) AND EXPECTS ANOTHER 1000. THE REMAINING PAROLE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO OTHER VOLAGS.

4. MISSION ESTIMATES THAT WHEN CURRENT PAROLE PROGRAM COMPLETED, TOTAL REFUGEE POPULATION IN ROME WILL BE SAME AS AT BEGINNING BECAUSE OF UNPRECEDENTED HIGH INFLUX WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. FOR 20 DAYS OF MARCH, VIENNA ARRIVALS TOTAL 1328 WITH 703 BREAK-OFFS. AT THIS RATE, BREAK-OFFS FOR MARCH WILL BE WELL OVER 1000. VANDEN HEUVEL

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